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SUBJECT: PASTOR SAYS SECSTATE VISIT TO CHURCH MAY
GIVE CHRISTIANS LEVERAGE WITH PRC GOVERNMENT

1. [REDACTED]

2. SUMMARY: PASTOR KAN OF THE BEIJING CHRISTIAN
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THAT HE SAW THE VISIT AS HELPFUL IN HIS EFFORTS TO
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HIGH LEVEL VISIT SHOWS EVERYONE IN THE GOVERNMENT
THAT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS FRIENDS IN HIGH
PLACES. END SUMMARY.

VISIT HELPFUL TO HIS WORK

3. ON NOV. 19, POLOFF DELIVERED THE GIFT AND THANK
YOU LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO PASTOR KAN OF THE
BEIJING CHRISTIAN CHURCH. HE SAID THAT HE WAS
PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE
SECSTATE VISIT. PASTOR KAN SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IN
HIS FUTURE DEALINGS WITH THE PRC GOVERNMENT, HE COULD
POINT TO THE VISIT OF SECRETARY BAKER AS EVIDENCE
THAT IF THE PRC WISHED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE
U.S., IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OPERATE WOULD BE NOTICED AND
APPRECIATED IN WASHINGTON.

4. REV. KAN ALSO INDICATED THAT HE SAW THE VISIT AS
HELPFUL IN HIS EFFORTS TO CARRY ON WITH HIS WORK IN
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EVERYONE IN THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
HAS FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES. TO REINFORCE THIS,
PASTOR KAN SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO FRAME THE THANK
YOU LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY AND DISPLAY IT
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HE AND HIS CHURCH ENJOY THE RESPECT AND ATTENTION OF

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HIGH OFFICIALS IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

OVERWHELMING CHINESE SECURITY PRESENCE

5. WHEN POLOFF ARRIVED, KAN SAID THAT HE AND THE
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RESULT OF THE VISIT, NOTING THAT THE CHURCH HAD BEEN
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GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT CRACK DOWN NOW.

8. COMMENT: WHILE THE SECSTATE VISIT GENERATED

TEMPORARY DIFFICULTIES FOR SOME PARISHIONERS, PASTOR
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END COMMENT.

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